

supported by the Government of India, include Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) and Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP). IDSMT aims at the development of integrated infrastructure in selected regional centres capable of generating economic growth and employment opportunities. The projects approved under IDSMT include the strengthening/upgradation of Master Plan roads and drains, sites and services, shopping complexes, bus terminals, Master Plan street lighting, solid waste management, etc. The Scheme applies to towns with population upto 5 lakhs. AUWSP aims at the creation of water supply facilities in towns with population less than 20,000. The details of towns taken up under IDSMT and AUWSP during the 8th Plan are given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) The allocation (grant) made for Kerala for the current financial year is Rs. 25 lakhs under IDSMT. No specific allocation is made under AUWSP as release will depend on project reports received.

Statement

Towns in Kerala covered under IDSMT Scheme and AUWSP during VIII Plan, Approved Project Cost and Central Assistance Released

| A: IDSMT Scheme | | (Rs. in Lacs) | | |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| S. No. | Name of Town | Year of Approval | Approved Project Cost | Central Assistance Released |
| 1. | Alappuzha | 1992-93 | 890.60 | 25.00 |
| 2. | Kollam | 1993-94 | 880.60 | 40.00 |
| 3. | Cherthala | 1994-95 | 166.00 | 13.00 |
| 4. | Aluva | -do- | 170.60 | 30.50 |
| 5. | Thiruvalla | -do- | 500.00 | 60.00 |
| 6. | Chalakudy | -do- | 216.00 | 15.00 |
| 7. | Kozhikode | 1995-96 | 947.00 | 62.00 |
| 8. | Chenganur | -do- | 185.00 | 18.00 |
| 9. | Varkala | -do- | 194.50 | 15.59 |
| | | | | Total : <u>279.09</u> |

B: AUWSP

| | | | |
|---------------|---------|--------|---------|
| 1. Paniyannur | 1993-94 | 233.72 | 124.83* |
| 2. Pudukkad | 1996-97 | 137.10 | |

* This is a consolidated amount released to the State Government for implementing the approved schemes in both these towns.

Threat Posed by Taliban

3916. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Taliban has its eyes on Kashmir now, fear analysts" appearing in the 'Indian Express', New Delhi dated February 19, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Government continues to follow the developments in Afghanistan closely, and evaluate their implications for us. Continuous vigil is being maintained and all necessary steps to safeguard the country's security are being taken.

Legislation for Tribal Lands

3917. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of RURAL AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have called upon the State Governments to enact legislation for preventing alienation of tribal lands;

(b) whether Government have also urged the State Governments to indicate the latest position of alienation and restoration of tribal land to enable the Government to monitor it at the national level;

(c) if so, whether all the States Governments have submitted their information to the Union Government; and

(d) the time by which the States would indicate alienation of Tribal Land Act ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The latest request sent to the State Governments was in the month of November, 1996 and only 11 State Governments submitted latest position of alienation and restoration of tribal land in the format prescribed for monitoring the same by this Ministry at the National level.

(c) and (d) All States have never submitted the information on the subject and some States do not keep such information as they do not have any separate Act or even any provision in the existing Land Reforms Act to prevent alienation and restoration of tribal land.

Rental Tariff

3918. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Govt. to revise the rental tariff for different categories of Government accommodation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal to revise the rental tariff for different categories of Government Accommodation. Under the provisions of the rule, the last such revision was made w.e.f. 1.7.1996.

[Translation]

LPG Connections

3919. SHRI CHHATRAPAL SINGH :
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the applicants in the waiting list for L.P.G. connection in the country during 1996, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government had fixed any target for allotment of L.P.G. connections during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, whether this target was achieved during the above period; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) State-wise details of the applicants in the waiting list for LPG connection in the country are given in attached statement.

(b) and (d) No target was fixed for allotment of LPG connections during the VIII Five Year Plan as a whole. Due to the increasing popularity of LPG as domestic cooking gas and subsidised price, the demand for LPG exceeds LPG availability from indigenous production and possible imports and therefore, new enrolment plans are drawn up on the basis of LPG availability on a year to year basis. The enrolment during the VIII Plan has been as follows:

| Year | New LPG Connections (in Lakhs) | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| | Target | Actual |
| 1992-93 | 7.5 | 8.7 |
| 1993-94 | 12.0 | 13.6 |
| 1994-95 | 20.0 | 22.9 |
| 1995-96 | 15.0 | 20.5 |
| 1996-97 | 20.0 | 12.6 |
| (April-Dec, 96) | | |

| Statement | Waiting list as on 1.1.97 (Fig. in lakhs) |
|--------------------------|---|
| State | |
| Andhra Pradesh | 10.74 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 0.19 |
| Assam | 1.93 |
| Bihar | 4.18 |
| Goa | 0.89 |
| Gujarat | 8.43 |
| Haryana | 5.14 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 1.08 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 1.63 |
| Karnataka | 7.19 |
| Kerala | 6.79 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 7.17 |
| Maharashtra | 19.05 |
| Manipur | 0.07 |
| Meghalaya | 0.08 |
| Mizoram | 0.08 |
| Nagaland | 0.07 |
| Orissa | 2.15 |
| Punjab | 7.56 |
| Rajasthan | 7.62 |
| Sikkim | 0.03 |
| Tamil Nadu | 14.73 |
| Tripura | 0.36 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 15.19 |
| West Bengal | 10.25 |
| Union Territories | |
| Andaman & Nicobar | 0.11 |
| Chandigarh | 0.88 |
| Dadar & Nagar Haveli | 0.02 |
| Delhi | 7.91 |
| Damman & Diu | 0.04 |
| Lakshadweep | 0.00 |
| Pondicherry | 0.47 |